

REMARKS

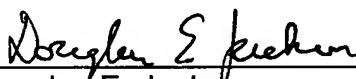
By this Amendment, the claims have been rewritten to reduce the multiple dependencies and to place the claims in better conformance with US practice.

Further and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A
Amendments to the Claims

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing gelatin wherein rind is chopped (cut), ~~hydrolysed~~hydrolyzed by acid, ~~neutralised~~neutralized, and extracted with water, ~~characterised~~characterized by that the rind is defatted before the hydrolysis.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~characterised~~characterized by that the defatting is carried out in a continuous process.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, ~~characterised~~characterized by that the rind is defatted to a fat content of 2% to 3%.

4. (Currently Amended) The method ~~any of the claims 1, 2, or 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterised~~characterized by that the rind is comminuted into pieces of 5 mm or less before the hydrolysis.

5. (Currently Amended) Gelatin, ~~characterised~~characterized by being produced by the method of ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.